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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lee Strickland
Chief, Information Review Group

VIA: William McNair
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FROM: Rodney G. Smith
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SUBJECT: (U) A New Search of CI Files for JFK
Assassination Records -- Status Report

REFERENCE: (AIOU) OIM 98-0081, dated 30 July 1998

1. (S) In response to OIM's tasking for any additional information relating to the JFK assassination, the Counterintelligence Center (CIC) is conducting a search based on the search terms defined in reference memo OIM 98-0081.

2. (S) Methodology: To ensure a full and comprehensive search of the disparate file-holding mechanisms in CIC (soft files, LANs, databases etc.), a focal point in each CIC Group has been identified to coordinate the search and respective group's response. Tasking was levied as defined in OIM 98-0081.

3. (S) Findings: To date, an electronic search of CIC files has surfaced:

a) CIOL 0423-97, dated 13 June 1997, which was previously provided to JFK Assassination Records Review Board and was read by Bill Joyce in the presence of Barry Harrelson, on 8 July 1998.

b) SBCI-4819, dated 22 April 1987; this CIC/PRB document and any other CIC/PRB findings are being handled by CE Division.

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4. (S) CIC is reviewing all soft files using the new search terms and has found one hit thus far which may have been reported in an earlier search.

In an undated soft file labeled "NOSENKO Study by Hart/Commentary" contains NOSENKO's comments on what he knew about Oswald from his work in the KGB, discussing mainly Oswald's attempt to commit suicide in the Soviet Union.

We are currently reviewing the historical soft files for the terms noted in Ref and will advise if any additional hits surface.

5. We believe that all of Angleton's files are archived and maintained by IMS. In the 1978-79 period, the ban on the destruction of Angleton's Files, which was imposed by the Church committee, was lifted, and a number of files were destroyed pursuant to the applicable records destruction schedule.


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FROM: Lee Strickland
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Office of Information Management

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REFERENCE: (AIUO) Bulletin OIM-EB No. 02-98,
dated 22 July 1998

1. (U) The JFK Board has made a number of recent specific directed requests to assure that the Agency has complied fully with the requirements of the JFK Act. Among these was a request for issuance of the Reference Employee Bulletin, in which the DCI directed that employees leave "no stone unturned" in assuring that relevant documents are provided to the Commission.

2. (U) In part because relevant new documents have surfaced within the past few months, the Board has also requested specific focus on renewed searches of the Agency's "counterintelligence files." The new documents have surfaced due to a variety of reasons, including references to assassination related personalities in recent defector reports, records made available because of the break up of the Soviet Union, and advances in search capabilities due to digitization of older paper files.

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3. (C) In discussions with the Board staff we have attempted to focus any new tasking on those areas in which they have expressed their greatest concern. It is imperative, however, that we satisfy the Board on these issues or the Agency will be subject to a determination by the Board that we are not in compliance with the JFK Act. Because of the impending statutory termination of the Board and their need to issue their report, there is some urgency associated with the conduct and completion of these searches. The searches must be completed by 6 August, 1998.

4. (S) Databases to be Searched. The addressees to this memorandum are requested to perform new searches--using the search terms in paragraph 5--on ANY of your files which may contain information relating in any way to the JFK assassination, including, in particular, all records systems or files containing information on:

- James J. Angleton and his files
- Debriefings of defectors in which ANY reference to Oswald or the JFK assassination occurs (Example, IJDECANTER)

5. (U) Search Terms and Time Periods. These new searches should focus on documents that might be retrievable with the following search terms over the referenced periods:

- The period 1959-1965 using the search terms Executive Action, Exaction, Ex Action.
- Post-1978 information combining the term "assassination" with President Kennedy, John F. Kennedy, Kennedy, JFK, presidential threats, threats to U.S. President, attempt (or attempted), or the crypt GPIDEAL.
- Post-1978 information related to the following terms: Warren Commission, House Select Committee on Assassinations, HSCA, Oswald, Lee Harvey Oswald, Marina Oswald, Jack Ruby, or GPFLOOR.


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6. (S) Information is also sought on:

- The identity and current location of personnel (either the current assignment of employees or any knowledge of current location of retirees) who participated in debriefings or the preparation of reports on debriefings of IJDECANTER.
- The destruction of James J. Angleton's files.

Such information should be brought immediately to the attention of the Historical Review Program, OIM (Barry Harrelson, 31825, Secure).


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